

# DIPLOMACY

## REVIEW VI,3

\*as usual, this is yet another issue of the  
\*DIPLOMACY REVIEW; the official journal of  
\*the North American Dictat of the International  
\*Diplomacy Association, otherwise in-  
\*scribed: IDA/NA (tho I prefer NADIDA). But  
\*that is of little interest to the members  
\*at large, who each cough up the \$2 annual  
\*membership fee to get this bimonthly rag.  
\*Send your \$ to Steven Brooks, 4960 B Ave C,  
\*Great Falls, Mont 59405. Please make checks  
\*payable to IDA, send cash at your own risk.

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TIMING. This issue is somewhat behind schedule (it was elated for end-of-May, early-June), mainly because of the delay in the delivery of the payment for last issue to me by the Treasurer. I trust that it will not happen again, Steve? Altho I do fell an inclination to concede that my feelings about NADIDA (as this organization is to be immortalized in my prose, come hell, high water, to the hatred of all( cute name at that, Nadida...a blue-flecked silvery tower of glistening waves of glorious half surmounting a...but i digress)) have been somewhat disgruntled recently. But things improve with the arrival of true summer, for a while at least.

NADIDA. As I shall be calling the organization on these pages, to distinguish it from the IDA to which IDA/UK belongs, as I can see or concive no proper conection between the twain. Hopefully, this won't send my good friends (or the rest of the membership) into a rage, or tober eimilar display of surpressed past fury. Please observe that, for all intents and purposes, NADIDA is identical to the 'IDA/NA' or 'IDANA' which has been adopted as the organization name.

DIPCON X. As you all undoubtedly now know, and if you don't, are henceforth informed, by decision of the old IDA Council, DIPCON X will be held in conjunction iwth GENCON X in Lake Geneva, WI. The host-con is being run by Tactical Studies Rules, the producers of DUNGEONS & DRAGONS and such nonsense, at the Playboy Resort near Lake Geneva, where most of the activities will occur. Unfortunately, it seems ae if some of the events are scheduled for the Horticultural Hall in downtown Lake Geneva; and while TSR has assured me that there will be free bus-type service between one place and the other, persons planning to arrive without cars would be well advised to take care.

As far as I know, the tournament will be run by Len Lakofka, but he has not seen fit to communicate any details to me to the best of my knowledge, altho I have begun to notice a rise in the 'disappearance' and 'non-delivery' of mail between Chicago and New York, the responsibility for which may well not rest with the USPnonS... But on the evidence of past history, Len has at least the potential for some sort of organized job of con-running, and therefor, provided he hasn't completly forgotten about DIPCON, it should be properly done and ready when you arrive. I Hope?

I strongly urge everyone to go to DIPCON/GENCON, if only to provide a sufficiently large panel of witnesses for the running NY/Chicago duel...the percise rules for which may or may not ever be determined...but it will occur. I know that, as of this day, the remnants of the NYConspiracy are planning to go---Stephen Tihor, Scott Rosenberg, Greg Costikyan, Mike Rocamora, Eric Goldberg, and myself---and who knows who else may come along for the ride.

Information about GENCON is available form TSR, attn: GENCON X, P O Box 756, Lake Geneva WI 53147. Pre-registaation for the Con ( August 18-21) is \$10, more at the door. Rooms in the Playboy Resort are not cheap, a quad being some \$66/night! Occhi!

I haven't ever been to a GENCON, so no advance comments on the quality of the Con, except to say that it has been the largest wargamers-con in American lands prior to the advent of Origins...and both cons now claim to be the best and biggest, which ie always a trouble to be expected when dealing with compnay-run Cons.....

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Take note, several Council members will be moving in early Septemeber forschool.

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MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRING

This issue: Joe Blaylock, Dave Koreski, Gil Neiger, George Backich,

Next issue: Jat Dittmar, Bob Hartwig, John McArdle Jr, Thomas Mitchell, D J Pengelly,  
Christopher Pike, Scott Rosenberg, Alan Rowland, Randolph Smyth, Tony Watson, Greg  
Costikyan.

Persons with no address known: Michael Butt, Gary Wish, Richard Locke, Hohn Machir,

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ORIGINS 77. As you have been hearing non-stop since January, this year's Origins Con is  
being held by SPI at Wagner College in Staten Island (Not NYC), over the July 22-  
24 weekdn. And of course, each and every one of you reading this now will come,  
if only for a chance to play in the Dippy Tournament, socialize, insult, backstab, lie,  
cheat, steal, and all those other good things Cons are held for...keeping in mind that  
your entry fees will go towards supporting the Boardman Numbers and Postal Diplomacy.  
I again urge everyone to come, and if you do come, please, PLEASE, bring your Dippy set  
with you, we have to supply our own boards, and pre-registtation is some 105 people---  
15 BOARDS are needed, and that's only so far. Hope to see y'all there. And let us know  
if you show up, andther target for abuse and the like is always handy.

HANDBOOK. Greg, as the Special Projects Editor is expected to put out a Special Project  
during his one-year term of office. Since, despite his lac-a-dasical attitude tow-  
ards actually doing anything, he actually manages to get most of his work done, in  
only three or four months after it was due...He would like, anyhow, to have the HANDBOOK  
ready for distribution and sale at GENCON. Which is fine and dandy, except for one thing:

ARTICLES. The Handbook, by definition, requires a fair sprinkling of work, either  
original or old, by a fair number of persons. In past years, the shift from reprints-  
and-new-stuff to all-new-stuff has been made, and now all that is needed is to maintain  
our position. This in turn, requires that greg recieve some contributions from the mem-  
bership at large, be it serious tactics (NEVER!), humor, less-than-serious tactics, or  
even cartoons...anything is acceptable as submission, including variants, deviants, or  
whatever else might enter your head to send Greg.

He is really rather desperate, and couldn't encourage you to write any more than he  
is. Suggested, but by no means required topics include: Press, Diplomacy, Stabbing,  
Strategy, Publishing, Gamesmastering, Tactics, How to Lose Gracefully, Whento NMR, When  
the Time for compromise is past, and the like...ANYTHING!

Certainly, somewhere out ther in the seething amlestrom of the members, there is  
at least one person capable of setting pern to papper and writing the barest prose for  
this noble effort...We CAN'T do it alone, we need outside support!

Please, PLEASE, send everything to Greg Costikyan, 1675 York Ave, NY NY 10028.

BOARDMAN NUMBERS. Doug Beyerlein will be resigning as BNC on 31 December 77. With thins  
in mind, he has begun the search for a new BNC now, to insure an easy and careful  
transfer of the numbers. Anyone who is both interested in this important hobby post,  
and thinks he has both the time and the concern to keep at it, should write to Doug for  
an application for BNC. These will be fairly long and detailed, for use by Doug and his

# COUCIL DEALINGS

a brief recording of the assorted follies and funnies of the NDDIDA Council

BILL	WHITE	GROSSMAN	COSTIKYAN	HARTWIG	BAKER	LAKOFKA	RESULT
77.NA1	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	PASS
77.NA2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	M	PASS
77.NA3	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	PASS
77.NA4	N	A	Y	Y	A	A	PASS?
77.NA5	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	PASS
77.NA6	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	FAIL
77.NA7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PASS
77.NA8	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A	PASS?
77.NA9	Y	N	A	Y	Y	Y	PASS
77.NA10	Y	N	A	Y	Y	N	PASS?
77.NA11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PASS
77.NA12	Y	Y	N	D	Y	Y	DEBATED
77.NA13	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	PASS?
77.NA14	D	N	Y	Y	Y	N	DEBATED
77.NA15	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	PASS
77.NA16	Y	Y	Y	D	Y	Y	DEBATED
77.NA17	Y	Y	N	D	Y	Y	DEBATED

Steven Brooks submitted no votes. PASS? refers to further actions to be taken in an effort to determine the result of the voting conditions, ie, less than clear.

1 The Council revokes all acts of the IDA Council passed between 6 Dec 76 and the election of the present Council, excepting temporary appointments of office and such acts as it shall reaffirm. (P)

2 The Council reaffirms all disbursements of funds which have already been authorized

3 The ballots for all referenda and elections shall be numbered in such a way as to prevent duplicate voting by any member, but prepared in such a way that no member can be identified by his ballot. After being counted, these ballots shall be kept on permanent file in the Hoosier Archives or some new archives we may start for the purpose.

4 The Council reaffirms the mandate of the Constitutional Revision Committee, consisting of John Baker, Chair; Chuck Doehrere, Laurence Gillespie, and Richard Walkerdine. The purposes of the committee shall be to propose a set of amendments to the present constitution, and to draft a constitution providing for an international federation of the present IDA member organizations. The term of the committee shall expire upon the completion of its designated purposes.

5 Questions may be proposed by any Council member, who shall simultaneously set a voting deadline at least 21 days but no more than 35 days after the mailing of the question. The only acceptable votes on Council questions shall be Yes, No, Abstain. Except as otherwise provided in the constitution, passage or failure of a question shall be by simple majority vote. Tie votes shall fail.

6 Each year there shall be a DipCon and a General Meeting held at the DipCon. The procedure for choosing the site of the DipCon shall be as follows;

Each convention committee wishing to host the DipCon shall submit a bid to the Ombudsman no later than 30 days before the DipCon of the previous year. The Ombudsman shall then prepare a statement detailing the qualifications of each convention committee and site, which may either be mailed to members before the DipCon, or distributed there; it may either be mailed to them by special mailing or included in DR.

At the General Meeting those members present shall vote for the site of the DipCon for the following year. The convention committee receiving the largest number of

votes shall host the next DipCon.

If no more than one convention committee has submitted a bid in advance, bids may be made at the General Meeting. Otherwise only bids submitted at least 30 days in advance may be considered.

7 The IDANA recognizes the International Calhamer Awards Committee as consisting of Raymong Heuer (US) Richard Walkerdine (UK) and CallWhite (CAN) and up to three additional members as appointed by them.

8 The IDANA Council hereby recommends the following procedures in event of a postal strike: 1) Players from the affected country or countries should be given the chance to appoint their own replacements, 2) If there is insufficient warning for the strike, the Gamesmaster should appoint replacements, 3) these replacements shall take control of the country for the duration of the strike. After the strike has ended the original players should be allowed to retake command of their forces. If they do not, the replacement becomes the permanent player., 4) In the event that Gamesmasters are unable to follow these procedures, the game should be stopped until the strike has ended.

9 The International Diplomacy Association (IDA) hereby changes its name to the International Diplomacy Association for North America (IDANA). All past documents which refer to either the International Diplomacy Association or IDA will be considered as referring to IDANA.

10 Foreign memberships to IDANA (i.e. persons living outside of North America) will be accepted but the membership dues shall be set according to whether that member shall be only a voting member or if he shall also receive DR. If DR or some equal publication shall be printed in another country to gain favorable postage rates the IDANA authorizes collection of funds in that country. Voting rates will be set by Council on a flat or country-by-country basis.

11 The president will be responsible for producing a COUNCIL COURIER in the first Calendar week of each month (i.e. the week containing the 4th of the month). All votes will be due by the first day of that week. Council members are requested to initiate new bills and debate during the 2nd and 3rd week of the month however they may do so at any time.

12 The Council shall ask the Miller Number Custodian and the Boardman Number Custodian if they wish any funds from IDA. If so they must supply to Council a financial statement outlining the need for the moneys. If this statement is not forthcoming within 60 days of the passage of this bill there shall be no subsidy. Council reserves the right to make payments beginning with the passage of a subsidy or to backdate payment from the time of the last payment to these Custodians.

13 Council asks Greg Costikyan what his "Special Project" shall be, its appropriate cost and date of production.

14 Council authorizes a committee of Bab Hartwig, Greg Costikyan, and Steve Brooks to draft a set of clear rules for the 1977 election of officers. This set shall be presented to council no later than 4 August 77.

15 Failure to vote on any bill will be counted as ABSTAIN except of those bills outlined by the Constitution for outster of a member of council. Failure to vote on three consecutive occasions will be construed as resignation from Council without recourse by that Council member.

16 Council recognizes the appointment of Alan Rowland as Novice Projects director.

17 Council encourages open meetings at any and all conventions but no such meeting shall be binding in any way upon IDANA or its treasury unless 4 or more council members are present and cast 4 or more votes for any issue.

I apologize for the poor quality of this transcription, but the reduced xerox is harder to read than usual. I can't number the bills, more for lack of certainty about the passage of some of them than concern of the lack of a numbering system authorized by the Council. Hopefully we can straighten this out soon.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who reads this far as to whether or not they are at all interested in the proceedings; or would prefer merely a listing of the words of all measures passed, with anything failing passage being consigned to a purgatory other than the pages of DR. Let me know, please?

# ELECTIONS

## preparation and commentary

In accord with my constitutional responsibilities; I herewith call for nominations for all IDANA offices. Please take note, there is no requirement that nominees be members of the organization. To insure wide-spread participation and extend democratic procedures to the utmost, submit the name of anyone you feel is qualified or capable for any of the offices. It is inoly necessary to drop a note with the nominee's name and office he's being nominated for. IDANA is an equal opportunity employer.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR AND OF OFFICES

**President:** The President is responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the organisation and coordinates Council proceedings. The president must be of legal age in his state or province of residence.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for the day-to-day fiscal operations of the organization and maintenance of the membership list. The Treasurer must be of legal age in his state or province of residence. Semianually, the Treasurer will submit a budget. The dates which budgets shall be submitted shall be February 1 for the fiscal period beginning April 1, and on August 1 for the period beginning on October 1. Each item of the budget must be approved by a 5/7ths vote of the Council.

**Periodicals Editor:** The Periodicals Editor is responsible for the regular production of a magazine of news, Council doings, etc. titled DIPLOMACY REVIEW nad issued six times each year at intervals of between 7 and 9 weeks.

**Ombudsman:** The Ombudsman will mediate idspubes, receive complaints, and investigate irregularities. He may make recommendations to the parties involved to assist them. He may consult the Council on the recommendations.

**Special Projects Ediotr:** The Special Projects Editor is responsible for production of at least one special publication per year.

**Projects Chairmen:** (American/(Canadian): The Projects Chairmen shall be elected regionally do be responsible for those projects assigned by the Council to be accomplished on a regional basis.

## COMMENTARY AND PLANS

At this time, I plan to conduct the elections as follows; I will moderate my plans as henceforth described by whatever directions the Council chooses to give me; I urge the Council to adopt my ideas as follows:

With this, the Third issue of the year, I will call for Nominations for ALL Offices of the organization, and describe the regulations of the constitution. Nominatdons will be accepted until the Fourth issue of the year is published.

With the publication fo the Fourth issue, all nominees will be listed, and copies sent to all nominees as well as members. Request the Acceptances/Declinations of all those nominated for office. Acceptances/Declinations shall be accepted until the Fifth issue is published. Please do not forgo telling me if you plan to run; I would rather not have to decide you didn't want to run because I hear nothing from you. You might want to run, and thus screw yourself, so accept please; all nominees will be informed. All nominees who choose to accept will be urged to submit brief, or at least short, campaign statements (not in excess of 1page, please).

With the publication of the Fifth issue, included will be the list of candidates for all offices; the statements of all accepting and writing candidates will bethe main content of the issue. The Fifth issue shall further incldde the Ballot; which shall be so done as to be number-coded, without the knowledge of the correlation of names and code-gruops beining known to noone. Bealdine for all Ballots, whcih shall be sent to a

Votec Counter before the deadline set for postmark of mailing.

The Vote Counter, who shall be chosen by the Council, will wait a reasonable time to compensate for late votes, and then count the Ballots. Voting shall be by Australian ballot, and specific instructions will be inclosed with the Ballot.

The results should be sent to both the President and Periodicals Editor of the old year immediately. They will then be published in the Sixth DR of the year. All officers will be elected as of 12:00:01 AM of the 1st of January of the new year.

MYSELF

Ido not, myself, have any intention whatsoever of running for any office. I am not available for draft, and will decline if nominated. Someone else gets to join the Council's deliberations.

However, this won't keep me out of the way henceforth; rather I intend to make my presence even ~~more~~ available than it has been. What I want in life and publishing is not presently a part of the NADIDA. I will remain a member, but would rather not become engaged in the whole thing again, it's quite pointless.

#####all mine#####

## FURTHER NEWS

news and the like; relatively unbaised i hope

DIPLOMACY WORLD. Nenceforth, DIPLOMACY WORLD (DW) will be under the auspices of Conrad von Metzke Editing, and Rod Walker Assisting. This will, undoubtedly led to all manner and form of changes within the format of DW. As I recall (this isn't the latest thing) Walt will retain control of the publishing, and Avalon Hill will continue the present Subsidy. Conrad informed me that the deadline for submissions to the first of the issues under his direction was the 20th of June, and it is therefor hopefully in the mail already, and can be counted on to arrive shortly.

INTERNATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION EXCHANGE. The ISE, presently operated by myself in the US and David Johnson in the UK. This is a service to aid in the transfer of small sums between American and British Publishers and other persons. The ISE is run on a no-charge basis, unlike the international banks, which will charge you an arm and a leg for small exchanges. As things presently stand, Dave is still looking for a replacement for the UK end of the operation, similarly, I would like to find someone to replace me, say on or around the end of the year. We need people who have accounts in both the US and the UK to act as agents for the two ends of the present system. Agents for other areas would be appreciated as well. If anyone is interested, the workload is very light, and there is relatively little involved, altho the bookkeeping is somewhat convoluted.

For details, or to bug me to put out an issue of US DOLLARS, write at the usual address, 29 E 9 St NY NY 10003.

IDA/UK. Is appaprantely alive and as well as things are here, altho their membership is a shade less....

HANDBOOK. Greg keeps urging me to remind you once again to submit material for the 1977 Diplomacy Handbook. Greg will be hard-put to do it without some contributions...

NADIDA COUNCIL. As far as I can tell, we have done something; I am however, hard put to define it, but will hopefully have been of use to the membership and Hobby as a whole. If not let us know, we need all the help we can get, we're barely human!

# DUEL

a detailed proposal

BE IT KNOW HENCEFORTH: That, after considerable thought and debate, We the undersigned find ourselves to be throughly offended by Lenard Lakofka.

FOR it is clear that the offender is the very epitomy of depravation and evil and surest sign of our inevitable damnation should we stick with him;

YET the membership insists on inactively reacting to the situation with nothing, to the continual mystification of all;

IT can now be seen that he hath associated with the accursed Clan Gygax, and doth verily make convenant with the sons of the Evil One;

IS not the such perifdy as he hath show, odth now broadcast for the attention of all the beings;

EVIL is the way he hath chosen, and walketh now the left-hand path into the HELL of ENDLESS ORDER AND PEACEFULNESS.

WHEREFORTH Do we proclaim him heretic and foul beast in that he is now acursed with the Evil of Offset as fostered by the Clan Gygax,

AND do proclaim him CHALLENGED that we may prove upon his body with our hands the falseness of the path he leadeth fowards.

THEREFOR Be it know that we do accede to His request that the Weapons be the Dreaded Water-Pistol, for having chosen Numbers (Twain), to him falleth the Choice of Weapons.

NOW it falleth to us to desigante the palce, and we have chosen the Renowned Con of the Gen; thus the final Choice of Hour remains to Him, and He hath made His preference for All Hours known to us, and it is the Fourth Choice and His, it is agreed.

ONLY it remaineth for Him to declare Whom shall gain the Fate of his partner in the Duel. The Choice is His freely, the One of his Choice it shall be.

FORUATELY, we offer as desiraeable Candidates: Gary Gygax, Borb Hartwig, Gordon Anderson, Dave Arneson, Brian Blume, Walter Buchanan, W Elmer Hinton, or like-minded person, there are a plentitude available.

SEALED, THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 877 AF

  
benjamin k grossman

  
gregory costikyan

THE MIXUMAXU GAZETTE. Robert Bryan Lipton has just published the Fourth Anniversary issue of his magazine, and still seems to be going strong (stronger, even). This massive work is, if I know Bipt probably not available for non-subbers at the time it came out, but I could be wrong, which would mean you miss out one on of the best things around. Bob can be found at 556 Green Pl, Woodmere NY 11598. Subs are 9/\$2 in the US, more else-where, and if you sub now you can see to it that you're around next year for the Fifth.

ONE DAVID GABER Asks that I let everyone know about a new game of HOLOCAUST to have 50 players. This seems to be a larger, area-scale game, involving several levels and types of forces, negotiations, diplomacy, and more like a Wargame than Diplomacy. If you are interested, he can be found at David Grabar, 2990 13 St, San Pablo, CA 94606

THE DIPLOMACY VARIANT COMMISSION, now under the Secretaryship of Gerg Costikyan, is in search of more persons interested in Variants to help fill its ranks. Gerg notes that the group's purpose in existence is, after all, the purposes are to: promote variants and further the interests of the variant hobby; to extend projects and services to regions and organizations where they are not provided. And such like. Write Greg for more info, 1675 York Ave NY NY 10028.

ROBERT HARTWIG Asks that everyone please note the words 'recommends and requests' in the bill 77.NA8 which he proposed.

REGARDLESS of the lack of material beyond the base minimum from the Treasurer, I can in all honesty report that we have several new members, about equal to the number who have let their memberships lapse. Thus, the membership hovers in the vicinity of 100, and the Treasury has a bank balance of 484.75 as of May 31.

the end  
this is only 8 pages due to lack of other material for printing, write me? please?  
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